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30 July 1959

The Honorable Robert A. Lovett
59 Wall Street
New York, New York

Dear Bob:

In connection with my letter to you of 27 July, I believe that I have now run down the incident to which Dean Acheson referred.

Apparently about noon on 6 December 1950, Air Force Headquarters in Washington was notified by the Air Defense Command in Gander and some points in Labrador that a large flight of unidentified bombers was crossing the southern tip of Greenland. Air Force Headquarters intelligence speedily alerted the top echelons of government. However, within half an hour a false alarm was declared when the flight of bombers was identified as geese.

Sincerely,

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SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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P.S. Since dictating this letter last night, I received today your good letter of July 30, with a far more detailed and authoritative description of the episode. Maybe after all they were "geese."

SIGNED

A.W.D.

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27 July 1959

The Honorable Robert A. Lovett
59 Wall Street
New York, New York

Dear Bob:

I enclose a clipping from the "Evening Star" of July 21, 1959, regarding a statement by Dean Acheson on the "1950 Soviet War Scare". I have tried to run down this story here in Washington and I have not been able to get the facts. I imagine you are the only one who can speak authoritatively about it.

In view of our great interest in the whole case of timely alert, both historically and more important for the future, I would be most interested to know whether you recall the incident and what if anything happened at that time.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
-Director-

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